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SUBJECT: MATERIEL AND TRAINING FOR CHILEAN CARABINEROS

1. SUMMARY: WE FLAG PROBLEMS INHERENT IN SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO CHILEAN NATIONAL POLICE FORCE (CARABINEROS). END SUMMARY

2. IN SEPARATE MESSAGE TO USCINCSO, CHIEF USMILGP REPORTS RECEIPT OF SEVERAL QUERIES FROM LOCAL CARABINERO REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF HELMETS, AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. MILGP NOTES THAT SUBJECT OF TRAINING MAY ALSO BE RAISED, AS WELL AS QUESTION OF USE OF FMS CREDIT IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT CARABINEROS ARE CHILEAN NATIONAL POLICE FORCE, AND THAT SOME MONTHS AGO SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY OVER THEM WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

4. WE ARE INCLINED TO SEE BOTH ADVANTAGES AND HAZARDS IN GIVING ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO CARABINEROS TO EXPECT FMS CREDITS OR TRAINING ASSISTANCE. ON ONE HAND, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO CULTIVATE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS BETWEEN MILITARY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF US MISSION IN SANTIAGO AND CARABINEROS: FOR EXAMPLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE HAVE ALREADY REAPED REWARDS IN ASSISTANCE TO DEA IN

NARCOTICS CASES. ON OTHER HAND, CONGRESSIONAL SENSITIVITY
TOWARD MILITARY AID TO CHILE AND POLICE TRAINING IN
LATIN AMERICA PRESENTS OBVIOUS PROBLEM.

5. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SITUATION CALLS FOR
CAUTION RATHER THAN OPPOSITION IN RESPONDING TO CARABINERO
REQUESTS. HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN COOPERATE WITH DOD IN PRE-
PARING APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES.
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